The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Government will do their best as early as possible to see if the dearness allowance could be enhanced. They have got to explore the resources available and they are at it.

Sri D. M. SIDDAIYA.—Is it a fact that this aspect has attained paramount importance because the Central Government have increased the dearness allowance ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is not merely because the Central Government have enhanced their rates. We are convinced that there is a need to raise the dearness allowance here.

Sri D. M. SIDDAIYA.—How long will they take to increase it ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is already answered.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—General).—Have the non-gazetted officers made any representations to the Government ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is also answered already.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—How long will the Government take to decide the question ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is answered already.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—The reply was as early as possible. But I want to know what will be the exact time by which they will decide. Will it be 3 months or 6 months ? They require something to keep their life going.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already said that the matter is receiving the active consideration of the Government. We will try to do it as early as possible. I cannot give any exact date. All that I can say is that the Government are as sympathetic towards the non-gazetted officers as any other section of this Hon'ble House.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Mysore District—General).—Can the Government tell me when the basic pay was increased ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—In January 1947.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Government of India increased the basic pay ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—None that I know of since January 1947.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Can the Government tell me the total additional cost if the dearness allowance is increased by Rs. 6 ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I have already answered that question. It will be round about Rs. 50 lakhs.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Have the Government been able to find out the resources to meet this need ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We are trying to do it.

Applications for Irrigation Pumps.

Q.—13. Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of applications received for irrigation pumps in each taluk in Chitaldrug District in 1950 ;

(*b*) the number of applications received for sanction of electric current for irrigation purposes in each taluk in the above district in the above period ;

(*c*) (i) the number of applications sanctioned, (ii) the number pending, (iii) and the number refused ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM (Minister for Law and Labour).—

		Chitaldrug	*Challakere*	*Jagalur*	*Hiriyur*	*Harihar*	*Davangere*	*Molakalmuru*
(*a*)		36	7	...	...	2	...	3
(*b*)		135	517	134	181	7	35	310
(*c*)	(i)	64	313	111	..	3	12	1
	(ii)	71	204	23	181	4	23	309
	(iii)	No application was refused.						

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—In Chitaldrug, it is stated that 135 applications were received and only 64 were sanctioned. May I know the reason why such a small number was sanctioned ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—It must be for want of funds, or for want of materials or those who had

applied for pumps are not ready with their pumps and pipes and so on. There might be several reasons.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Want of materials cannot be the reason in so far as Chitaldrug is concerned, because Chitaldrug is the centre for these receiving and transmission sets. Is it not so, Sir ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—Want of materials applies to this place also. Supposing we want extra copper wire and we are not able to get it. That would be certainly want of material.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—How is it that in Hiriyur no applications have been sanctioned ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—Probably because for one or other of the reasons mentioned as answer to the subsequent question No. 239, that is, want of funds, want of essential materials, the applicants not being ready to take up work, and non-availability of Budget grants.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Will the Hon'ble Minister see that while in Chitaldrug and Chellakere sufficiently large number of applications have been sanctioned, want of materials cannot be the reason for not sanctioning applications of the Hiriyur Taluk ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—We took up first Challakere and Chitaldrug and then turned to Hiriyur. And when we took up Hiriyur we found ourselves short of materials.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—But materials have to go to Hiriyur either from Davangere or Chitaldrug.

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—We took power to Chitaldrug first and then we turned to Hiriyur. That is why we are taking time.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Why is Molakalmuru so unfortunate in that only one application has been sanctioned ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—The remaining 309 also will be given, as soon as materials are available.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of Government that Chitaldrug is an area of scarcity ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I have already said that Chitaldrug has had the lion's share of electric supply this year.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—In Molakalmuru out of 310 applications only one is sanctioned.

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—That is no doubt so.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that considerable distress prevails in Chitaldrug and therefore Government should do their utmost to sanction as many applications as possible ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—I can quite understand the anxiety of the Hon'ble Member that we should extend electricity in Chitaldrug also. We will do our best.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know the time that the Government would take in order to sanction all the applications ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—If the Hon'ble Member could tell me when I could get copper wire, I could tell him that.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Sanctioning is one thing and executing is another. Is it not ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—Quite so. Undoubtedly.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—Are the Government aware that Chellakere and Molakalmuru have got the biggest number of Kapile wells ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I have no idea. Probably it is so.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Are the Government aware that the people of those taluks mainly depend for their living on these wells since they are draught-affected areas and there is scarcity of rainfall there ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—Everywhere people live mainly on agricultural produce.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—But here they live mainly on Kapile wells, because there are no tanks. They can not raise dry crops also. Therefore they depend on Kapile wells alone for irrigation. Are the Government aware of this ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—There are a large number of wells from which lands are irrigated. That is true.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Instead of giving electricity to places where there are no wells, would it not be more convenient to give electricity to places where there are kapile wells in existence which could be harnessed ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—We do not supply electricity for lift irrigation where there is no well. And if there are wells in Chitaldrug, as my Hon'ble friend says, which are worked by kapile, we will give them power supply as soon as we can.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—My dear Sir, in giving electricity to places where there are no wells.....

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—Muslim).—I rise to a point of order, Sir. Is the expression ' My dear Sir ' parliamentary ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Why not ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—That only shows the endearment in which the Hon'ble friend holds me. (Laughter).

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—The number of applications from Molakalmuru being 309, will the Hon'ble Minister give top priority for power supply to this area as soon as he gets all the conveniences ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—I will give priority ; I cannot say top priority.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೀರಪ್ಪನವರು (ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಹರಿಹರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನದಿ ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಗ್ರಾಮದವರು ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ ಬೆಳ್ಳಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದವರು ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಪದೇಪದೇ ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ಕೊಡದೆ ಅವರು ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದು ಬಹಳ ದಿನದಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿಂತಿದೆಯಲ್ಲವೆ ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—It is very likely they have asked. I have no idea.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Have the Government any scheme for introducing the system of lift irrigation pumps in riverside villages in Harihar Taluk ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I think we have.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is there any scheme ready with Government regarding lift irrigation in these villages ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM.—I havd no idea. I will have to find out.

Srimathi RATHNAMMA ISSAC (Kolar District—General).—Are the Government aware that the Government Electric Factory have got machinery and material to prepare these irrigation pumping sets much cheaper than it would cost them if they buy them from Kirloskar ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—This supplementary question has nothing to do with the main question.

Applications from Chitaldrug and Davangere Sub-Divisions for Irrigation Pumping sets.

Q.—239. **Sri T. HANUMIAH** (Chitaldrug District—Depressed Class).—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many Electric pump sets have been arranged for irrigational purposes in Chitaldrug and Davangere Sub-Divisions (Taluk and Villagewar) from 1947 onwards ;

(*b*) (i) how many applications from 1947 onwards have been received, (ii) how many are implemented ;

(*c*) how many of such applications are still pending disposal, with reasons therefor ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*)

Sub-Division	*Name of Taluk*	*Sets issued on H.P. system*	*Pumps sets serviced*
Chitaldrug	Chitaldrug	26	38
	Challakere	6	51
	Molakalmuru	1	7
	Hiriyuru	Nil	1
	Total	33	97
Davangere	Davangere	4	17
	Harihar	4	9
	Jagalur	9	36
	Total	17	62

Villagewar details are not readily available.